

Subject: Re: Farmer's Market Gets Smokey
From: Tamara
Date: 04/17/2016 11:22 AM
To: Blair Besten
CC: patti@historiccore.bid, Sara.Hernandez@lacity.org, Anika.Ostin@lacity.org

Good Morning Blair -

I'm not trying to start conflict. I was hoping you'd acknowledge there is an issue and say you'd look into it to try and find a solution. Your email ended up coming back as rude and condescending and unprofessional. Not sure if that's what you were going for. Anyway -

I am just letting you know **blue smoke** is definitely making its way into homes above the BBQ stall. **Buses do not gas out blue smoke.** The last few Sundays have been all right but today is particularly bad. I thought something was on fire outside and then I realized its Sunday. I have asthma and it's hard enough to breath sometimes for undetectable reasons.

I don't have an easily suggested solution for you other than for you to take into consideration your market is in a unique spot.

Unlike every other market that exists in this city, you have this market in a narrow street surrounded by homes. I can't imagine planning a market that doesn't take this into consideration. It's not rocket science.

I hope you can work something out with your vendors otherwise I'm going to have to have the Socal Air Quality Inspector over for a visit one of these Sundays. I'd rather solve the issue amicably, though.

Tamara in Jewelry Trade

On Mar 27, 2016, at 6:40 PM, Blair Besten <blair@historiccore.bid> wrote:

Tamara,

Thanks for your inquiry. I'm at a loss but have contacted the operators. Not really sure how to affect air currents down 5th, as I know they are always changing. I'd hate to ask the vendors to leave the market as they do really well and part of their success is why the market is still there. A lot of folks who have been in the area for many years fought to get this market here and for its endurance.

Any ideas? Do you have similar issues with the extraordinary numbers of buses traveling down 5th? We are also on 5th Street as are many others. So far I have not received any complaints. I would like to help, but again, the vendors are most likely going to remain at the market.

Is it all day? Only certain peak hours? Only on certain Sundays?

Thanks



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On Fri, Mar 25, 2016 at 11:14 AM, Tamara <tam@westballa.net> wrote:



Hi Blair -

Just a quick high-five to the more livable music levels via the historic bid on on Sunday. We're one of the many apartments and businesses whose windows face over 5th. We are pretty impervious to sounds of the city but when it comes to bass lines (and too low helicopters) that shake windows for a whole measure of time, that's where we draw the line. Anyway, you all have dealt with it and we thank you. During Ian's market reign we felt oppressed in our homes due to the loud dance party sound systems on Sunday. We're glad there's been a better understanding and mitigation of that. So thank you for managing this better.

We do have a new issue, though. On Sunday's there are two cooked food tents that send billows of blue smoke into our homes. It's mainly the BBQ people but I think it's also the people next to the BBQ tent (I forget what they do), too. It greatly effects the air quality for us on Sunday. We have asthma and lately Sunday's food vendors have been exacerbating that with thick heavy smoke going directly into our homes. We're looking forward to being able to breath again soon. Thank you in advance for you help, patience, and understanding.

Tamara in Jewelry Trade



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